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SUBJECT: TENTH MEETING NATO COMMAND CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS
AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE (NCCDPC)

A. AC/284-A/10, 6 NOV 74

B. AC/284-WP/49, 15 OCT 74

C. C-M(74)3, 5 FEB 74

D. C-M(71)50, 26 JUL 71

E. AC/284-WP/51, 9 DEC 74

F. NCCDPC-M(74)32, 251532Z NOV 74

G. NCCDPC-M(74)36, 300850Z DEC 74

SUMMARY: AGENDA FOR JAN 21-24 MEETING OF NCCDPC (REF A) INCLUDES
FIVE ITEMS REQUIRING COMMITTEE INDORSEMENT/APPROVAL. ONE ADDITIONAL
ITEM INVOLVES CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT OF PROPOSED REORGANIZATION
OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AAFCE) ON THE ACE CCIS CONCEPT
AND ADP SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. MISSION COMMENTS ON THESE ITEMS
FOLLOW. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

ITEM NUMBERS REFER TO AGENDA (REF A).

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1. ITEM IV C, TASKING OF SUB-GROUP 2. MILITARY COMMAND CONTROL
AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP (MCCISWG) RECOMMENDS
INDORSEMENT OF REVISED TASKING TO STUDY AND REPORT ON FEASIBILITY,
DESIRABILITY, AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF CREATING A COMMON

LANGUAGE FOR ALL NATO DATA LINKS IN LAND, SEA, AND AIR FORCE SYSTEMS. COMMENT: IF FEASIBLE, COMMON LANGUAGE FOR DATA LINKS WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING INTEROPERABILITY OF VARIOUS DATA LINK SYSTEMS. RECOMMEND INDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED TASKING OF SUB-GROUP 2. END COMMENT.

2. ITEM VI B (2), PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR 1976 (NATO HQ). MCCISWG RECOMMENDS DEFERRAL OF CONSIDERATION OF SIX CIVILIAN POSTS UNTIL NATO DEFENSE MANPOWER COMMITTEE MAKES DECISION TO PROVIDE POSTS ALREADY INDORSED BY NCCDPC FOR 1975 AUGMENTATION. COMMENT: JUSTIFICATION FOR 1976 POSTS DEPENDS LARGELY UPON LONG-TERM PLAN NOT YET DEVELOPED BY NATO HQ. WITHOUT 1975 AUGMENTATION, PREPARATION OF PLAN AND PROJECTION OF NEEDS FOR FUTURE YEARS IS DIFFICULT. US REP SHOULD INVITE DISCUSSION TO DEVELOP ALTERNATE MEANS OF PRODUCING PLAN TO IDENTIFY AND JUSTIFY LONG-TERM REQUIREMENTS. END COMMENT.

3. ITEM VII C(2) (A), REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN CENTRAL REGION (AAFCE). BY REF F, CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT ADP SUPPORT FOR AAFCE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT JANUARY MEETING OF NCCDPC. BY REF G, HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD REQUESTED SACEUR TO BRIEF COMMITTEE ON OVERALL PROPOSALS FOR THE REORGANIZATION, ADP SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE APPROVED ACE CCIS CONCEPT. COMMENT: WHILE INDORSING THE NEED FOR NCCDPC TO EXAMINE THE REQUIREMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE ACE ADP SUPPORT CONCEPT, USNATO AND USDELMC CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT SUCH EXAMINATION OF ADP REQUIREMENTS NOT BE PERMITTED TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST PHASE OF AAFCE REORGANIZATION PLAN WHEN IT RECEIVES DPC APPROVAL. END COMMENT.

4. ITEM VII C (2) (B), 1974-1983 REQUIREMENTS FOR STC COMPUTER FACILITY. MCCISWG RECOMMENDS INDORSEMENT OF REVISED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR AN STC COMPUTER FACILITY TO MEET NEEDS OF THE 1977-1983 PERIOD. CHANGES PROPOSED BY NATIONS HAVE ALL BEEN MADE. COMMENT: IN PREPARING THIS RFP, STC CONSULTED WITH US AUTHORITIES AND HAS BENEFITED FROM US CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPERIENCE. RECOMMEND INDORSEMENT OF RFP AS REVISED.

END COMMENT.

5. ITEM XI, GENERAL PLAN FOR IMPROVED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, ETC. CHAIRMAN WILL ASK APPROVAL OR AT LEAST AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF ANNEX TO REF B. COMMENT: AT EIGHTH MEETING IN JANUARY 1974, COMMITTEE REQUESTED STAFF TO CONSOLIDATE NATO CCIS CONCEPT (REF C) AND POLICY (REF D) INTO A SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT. PROPOSAL IN REF B EXPANDS COVERAGE TO OUTLINE A PLAN FOR NATO INFORMATION MANAGEMENT WITH PROPOSALS WHICH GO FAR BEYOND AGREED POSITIONS OF THE NAC AND DPC (REFS C AND D). WE BELIEVE COMMITTEE SHOULD REJECT REF B AND REORIENT STAFF EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE REFS C AND D AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED.

GERMAN AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES HERE INDICATE THEIR EVALUATIONS
OF REF B ARE ALONG SAME LINE. END COMMENT.

6. ITEM XII, POSSIBLE DUAL-ROLE INFORMATION SYSTEMS. REF E
INCLUDES REPLIES FROM DENMARK, UNITED KINGDOM, AND UNITED
STATES PROVIDING SOME BASIC INFO ON POSSIBLE CO-USE OF THEIR
NATIONAL ADP FACILITIES BY NATO. CHAIRMAN HAS ASKED SYSTEM
MANAGERS TO MAKE INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL,
AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT JANUARY
MEETING. CHAIRMAN WILL ASK COMMITTEE TO APPROVE GUIDANCE TO
SYSTEM MANAGERS URGING THEM TO UTILIZE, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ANY
OFFERS FOR NATO TO USE NATIONAL ADP CAPABILITY AS MEANS OF
CONTRIBUTING TO USE NATIONAL ADP CAPABILITY AS MEANS OF
CONTRIBUTING TO THE SATISFACTION OF THEIR IMMEDIATE NCCIS
REQUIREMENTS. COMMEND: US REP SHOULD ALSO TAKE OPPORTUNITY
TO STRESS NEED FOR INTEROPERABILITY OF NATO AND NATIONAL
ADP/CCIS AS PREREQUISITE TO AND CONSISTENT WITH THE NEED FOR
IMPROVED MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION AMONG THE
NATO ALLIES. HE SHOULD CALL ATTENTION TO EXTENSIVE SAVINGS
POSSIBLE IN SOFTWARE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IF PROGRAMS ARE
STANDARDIZED AND EQUIPMENT MADE INTEROPERABLE. HE SHOULD BE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAIL POSSIBILITY OF NATO USE
OF THE US WORLDWIDE MILITARY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM
(WWMCCS) OUTLINED IN US INPUT TO REF E. END COMMENT.
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